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SUBJECT: RFE TREATMENT OF JUNE 24-25 EVENTS AND AFTERMATH

1. AS THE TENSION OF THE POLISH JUNE SUBSIDES INTO THE AUGUST VACATION PERIOD, I WOULD LIKE TO SET OUT MY VIEWS ON RFE COMMENTARY FOR THE JUNE 24-JULY 7 PERIOD. THIS ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON EMBASSY MONITORING OF SELECTED BROADCASTS AND ON A REVIEW OF SCRIPTS SUPPLIED BY RFE.

2. OUR OVERALL IMPRESSION IS POSITIVE. THERE IS ROOM FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT, HOWEVER, AND MY COMMENTS ARE DIRECTED TO THIS END. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TRANSMIT THE GIST OF THIS MESSAGE TO RFE MANAGEMENT, TOGETHER WITH MY PARTICULAR SATISFACTION AT THE WAY IN WHICH THE MUNICH OFFICE HAS GUIDED THE POLISH SERVICE THROUGH THIS DELICATE PHASE.

3. ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, A FEW OF THE EARLY SCRIPTS HAVE A SOMEWHAT HARSH, EXCITED, ALMOST POLEMICAL, TONE, WHICH, IN MY VIEW, DETRACTS FROM THE OTHERWISE GOOD QUALITY OF THE COMMENTARY DURING THE JUNE 24-JULY 76 PERIOD. FOR EXAMPLE, FACTS AND VIEWS, NO. 5009 OF JUNE 26, ITEM BY CELT. PARAGRAPH 1 OF FACTS AND VIEWS, NO. 5011 OF JUNE 29, BY PTACZEK IS TOO SWEEPING A GENERALIZATION. FINALLY, THERE WERE SOME REFERENCES TO

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"OUR COUNTRY," WHICH WERE NOTED SEVERAL TIMES BY

EMBASSY LISTENERS; SEE FACTS AND VIEWS, NO. 5008 OF JUNE 25. IN MY VIEW, THESE VIOLATE THE GUIDELINE WARNING AGAINST SOUNDING LIKE AN EMIGRE STATION.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION SEVERAL SCRIPTS IN WHICH LOGIC AND LANGUAGE COMBINE TO PRODUCE SUPERIOR COMMENTARY. THIS IS THE CASE IN GAMARNIKOW'S FACTS AND VIEWS, NO. 5014 OF JULY 2. GRABOWSKA'S FACTS AND VIEWS, NO. 5015, ON THE NON-FUNCTIONING OF THE SEJM, IS SHARP-FOCUSED, WHILE ROZPEDOWSKI'S ANALYSIS OF GIREEK'S SPEECH AT KATOWICE (JULY 2) IS IN RFE'S BEST TRADITION.

5. I AM PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED THAT RFE HAS, BY AND LARGE, AVOIDED GLOATING AND ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE STRIKES AND SIT-INS WERE IN ANY WAY COORDINATED OR DIRECTED BY AN OPPOSITION.

6. THE EVENTS OF JUNE 24-25 AND THEIR AFTERMATH CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF BALANCED COVERAGE IN THE WESTERN PRESS. I HOPE THAT RFE'S SCRIPTS AFTER JULY 7 WILL REFLECT THE FULL RANGE OF WESTERN OPINION. THIS, AFTER ALL, SHOULD BE RFE'S PRINCIPAL GOAL --TO TRANSMIT TO LISTENERS IN POLAND A FULL AND OBJECTIVE ACCOUNT OF THE COVERAGE GIVEN TO POLISH EVENTS BY THE MAJOR VOICES OF WESTERN OPINION. I ALSO HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER EXTENSIVE ANALYSES IN TERMS EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY LISTENERS OF THE ECONOMIC BACKGROUND OF THE PRICE RISES AND THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE LEADERSHIP HAS IN MAKING THE PRESENT SYSTEM FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY. IN OTHER WORDS, MORE M. GAMARNIKOW. DAVIES

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